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	Examiner Xuong M. Chung-Trans	Art Unit 2833	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 June 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/6/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. This application has been examined. In the preliminary amendment, claims 1-6 have been canceled and new claims 7-11 have been added. Therefore claims 7-11 are pending in this application.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krenz (USPN 5,010,426).

Krenz discloses a holder for holding a card or the like, comprising: an ejector (43, 46); at least one locking arm (31, 32) coupled to the ejector and arranged so as to lock the card (i.e. the card contained in module 11) inserted into the holder (10) in a locked pushed-in position; and a gearwheel (48) arranged to control the at least one locking arm (31, 32) wherein the gearwheel 48 arranged to engage in a toothed rack-like section (39) of the locking arms (31, 32) and to be driven by a lug (50) on the ejector (43, 46). Krenz does not explicitly disclose that the lug 50 engages in a rack guide provided on the gearwheel. Krenz, however, disclose that the lug 50 is integrally formed on the gearwheel. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the gearwheel can be configured separately instead of integrally formed

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with lug of the ejector so that the lug can be engaged in a track guide provided on the gear wheel as claimed.

4. Claims 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest that the lug is a pin attached to the ejector, extending through the track guide and reaching into a guide groove on an other side of the rack guide wherein the guide groove is running in the ejection direction as recited in claim 8.

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest that the track guide comprises two sections arranged at an angle to one another, the first section running essentially transverse to the ejection direction and the lug extending through the first section when the smart card is inserted, and the second section running in the ejection direction and the lug extending through the second section when the smart card is ejected as recited in claim 9 and the gearwheel comprises teeth in two regions running essentially transverse to the ejection direction when the smart card is inserted, the teeth arranged to operate a locking arm as recited in claims 11.

5 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Xuong M. Chung-Trans whose telephone number is (571) 272-2002. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on (571) 272-2800 extension 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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